

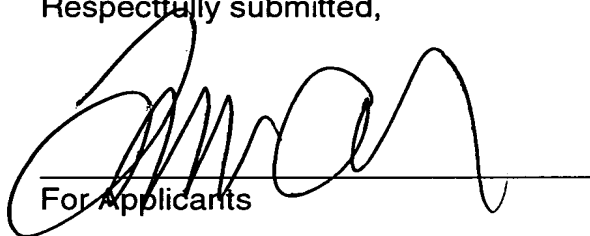
Remarks:

The preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to present an application in proper U.S. format and to present claims in proper U.S. claim idiom for examination.

The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original PCT claims, in the claims submitted with applicants' letter of July 6, 2004, and in the claims of the German priority application.

An early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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